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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. 1988.0060006  
First Inventor Ronak Patel  
Title Backplane Interface Adapter With Error Control and Redundant Fabric  
Express Mail Label No.

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 93]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawings (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 50]
5. ☐ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages \_\_\_\_\_]  
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b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program  
(Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
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- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents)
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Two (2) Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)  
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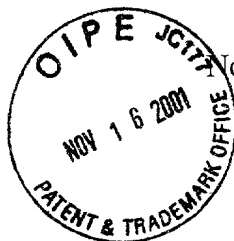
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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. (To Be Assigned); Filed: Herewith  
For: **Backplane Interface Adapter With Error Control and Redundant Fabric**  
Inventors: Ronak PATEL *et al*  
Our Ref: 1988.0060006

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05) (*in duplicate*);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Backplane Interface Adapter With Error Control and Redundant Fabric**

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
    - i. 87 pages of description prior to the claims;
    - ii. 5 pages of claims (24 claims - 6 Independent);
    - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
  - b. 50 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1, 2, 3A-3B, 4-14, 15A-15D, 16-20, 21A-21E, 22, 23A-23B, 24, 25A-25B, 26, 27A-27E, 28A-28B, 29-31, 32A-32B, 33A-33B, 34A-34B, 35-37); and
  - c. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76).
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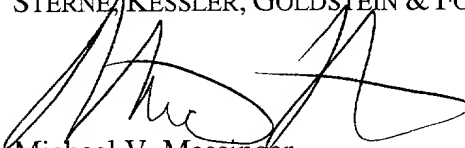
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***This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.***

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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